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A.—The appointment of sub-inspectors is regulated by G.O. No. 635, Judicial, dated 8th March 1916, which was placed on the Editors' Table. As to the latter part of the question the Government have no information.

Introduction of Bill for Vizagapatam Harbour.

614 Q.—Mr. V. Hamid Sultan Marakkayar: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state when the Bill for Vizagapatam Harbour will be introduced?

A.—There are several interests to be consulted and it is not possible to name a date at present.

The Cauvery Reservoir project.

615 Q.—Mr. K. A. Kandaswami Kandar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) when the Government proposed to undertake the Cauvery Reservoir project (Mettur);

(2) whether the Government of Mysore have forwarded their final arbitration report regarding this project; and

(3) how many villages of Salem district are likely to be affected by this project and what is the area to be affected in those villages by it?

A.—(1) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to question No. 409. As the project will require the sanction of the Secretary of State, it cannot be stated when it will be undertaken.

(2) The question is not understood.

(3) 7,408 acres in 12 villages in Omalur and Dharmapuri taluks.

Mr. T. Sivasankaram Pillai:—"The answer to question No. 615 (2) is given as 'the question is not understood'. I presume that when a question is not understood it is generally the practice to ask the member concerned what he exactly means by it. May I know if that was done in this case?"

The hon. Mr. K. Srinivasa Ayyangar:—"Sir, I generally answer the question as it is sent to me. The question is whether the Government of Mysore have forwarded their final arbitration report regarding the project. That is wholly unintelligible to me, Sir."

Mr. T. Sivasankaram Pillai:—"It is likely that the question is unintelligible to the Member. But if there is difficulty about it, it is perfectly open to the hon. Member for Government or the Legislative Council Office to refer back the draft question and ask the member concerned what he actually means by it."

The hon. the President:—"I take it that the hon. Member says that his suggestion may with advantage be introduced as a practice hereafter. But that is hardly a supplementary question."